

COUNTRY

East Germany

REPORT NO.

TOPIC

Soviet Troop Trains

EVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT 9 to 23 October 1952

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DATE PREPARED

20 November 1952

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

were previously

1. The following troop shipments were determined

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B - boxcar C/B - converted boxcar C - couch (third class) F - flatcar
G - gondola car SSY - SSY-type flatcar

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Date	Number of Cars	From	To
20 October	8 B, 35 F,	Loburg	Wildpark
	11 B, 36 F	Altengrabow	Rathenow
	5 C/B, 23 F	"	Wildpark
	10 C/B, 11 B, 38 F	"	"
21 October	20 C/B, 4 B, 32 F	Magdeburg	Rathenow
	10 C/B, 2 B, 34 F	Altengrabow	"
	8 C/B, 3 B, 29 F	"	"

2. The following troop shipments were determined

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Date	Number of Cars	From	To
22 October	53 cars	Neuruppin	Kuestrin
	33 cars	undetermined	Neuruppin
	7 cars	Cottbus	Jueterbog
	50 cars	Kuestrin	undetermined

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23 October 32 F Zehdenick Bernau
16 C/B Jueterbog-Altes Weinsdorf
Lager
12 C/B " Cottbus
27 B, 23 F Rathenow Altengrabow

3. The following troop shipments were determined

11 October 1 B, 19 F, 3 C Frankfurt/Oder Satzkorn
15 October 75 B, 1 C undetermined Kuestrin
50 cars with Jueterbog-Altes "
troops Lager
18 October 65 cars " Suben (50 cars))
Koethen (5 cars))
Cottbus (4 cars))

4. The following shipments were determined

17 October 51 cars with Kuestrin Halle regional
troops railroad district
19 October 50 cars with " "
troops
6 B, 4 F, 6 SSY Frankfurt/Oder Lieberose
with troops, ve-
hicles and tanks
54 B with troops Kuestrin Halle regional
railroad district
20 October 50 cars with " "
troops
57 cars with " "
troops
21 October 53 B with troops " "
22 October 53 B with troops " Schweinitz
53 B with troops from the direction Frankfurt/Oder
of Cottbus
52 B with troops " "

5. Troop trains route during the period from 9 to 21 October 1952 included: 12 trains from Gerdauen to Frankfurt/Oder; 2 trains from Gerdauen to Cottbus; 4 trains from Frankfurt/Oder to Insterburg; and 2 trains from Obersiebenbrunn to Insterburg.

6. The following shipments were determined to have crossed the border via the Kuestrin-Kietz railroad station:

Date	Number of Bancars	Kind of Shipment	From	To
14 October	45	empty troop shuttle train	Oberswalde	Gerdauen
	53	troops	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
15 October	59	empty troop shuttle train	Frankfurt/Oder	Gerdauen

Date	Number	troops	Origin	Destination
11 October	53		Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
16 October	57	"	Jueterberg	Gerdauen
	53	"	Aberswalde	Gerdauen
	54	"	Gerdauen	Cottbus
17 October	48	"	"	"
18 October	53	"	Frankfurt/Oder	Gerdauen
	48	"	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
19 October	53	"	Magdeburg	Gerdauen
	53	"	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
20 October	53	"	Bad Freienwalde	Gerdauen
21 October	53	"	Frankfurt/Oder	"
	49	"	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
22 October	52	"	Frankfurt/Oder	Gerdauen

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7. [redacted] during the period from 18 to 23 October, 366 boxcars entered East Germany at the Guben border crossing point, coming from Jagodin, and 263 boxcars left East Germany via Guben for Kowel.⁹

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1. [redacted] Comment. The initial departure from the Altengrabow-Magdeburg area of elements of the IV Arty Corps was previously reported by the same and other [redacted]. The shipments [redacted] are listed for the first time. These shipments included, a total of 10 troop trains with units of the 24th Arty Div (US) went to Potsdam and Wildpark, and six troop trains with elements of the 6th Arty Div to Rathenow, during the period from 18 to 21 October.

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2. [redacted]

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3. [] Comment. This train probably carried a unit of the 11th (?) Gds of the Fourth Sds Mech Army. Compare with another report on unloadings and loadings of units of this brigade in Zehdenick and Bernau respectively. See []

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4. [] Comment. Compare with information from Rathenow on the loading of an artillery unit with 152-mm field howitzers from the Kraftfahrkorps. [] It is possible that the unit in Rathenow was transferred to Altenrathow.

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5. [] Comment. Compare with identical observations []

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6. [] Comment. [] about 32 trains with recruits arrived in East Germany via Ruesstrin, and about 19 trains with recruits via Guben, during the period from 12 September to 23 October 1952. Thus far, only eight trains with discharges were observed going eastward during the same period.

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